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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: CHANGE IN FRENCH CHARTER RULES

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1. DEPARTMENT VIEWS WITH GREAT INTEREST RECENT FRENCH REVISION OF THEIR CHARTER REGULATIONS AS REPORTED REFTEL. DO THEY ALSO CONTEMPLATE CHANGES IN THEIR POSITION CONCERNING SUBSTITUTIONS? WE UNDERSTAND FRENCH CURRENTLY PROHIBIT SUBSTITUTIONS.

2. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, CAB REGULATIONS RE ABC'S PROVIDE FOR 10 PERCENT SUBSTITUTION UP TO DEPARTURE FROM A STANDBY LIST, AND ANOTHER 10 PERCENT SUBSTITUTION FROM GENERAL PUBLIC. SINCE SOME PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES SHOW THAT 20-30 PERCENT OF ADVANCE BOOKING PASSENGERS ON AN AVERAGE CHARTER FLIGHT DROP OUT DUE TO SICKNESS OR OTHER

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REASONS, SUBSTITUTION PROVISION ALLOWS TOUR ORGANIZERS TO AVOID UNDUE LOSSES SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF NO-SHOWS. SUBSTITUTION DOES NOT INCREASE TOTAL NUMBER OF SEATS OFFERED TO CHARTER PASSENGERS SINCE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE SEATS ON ANY ONE FLIGHT IS LIMITED TO THAT SOLD BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE PRELISTING PERIOD.

3. IN DISCUSSING SUBSTITUTION WITH FRENCH, EMBASSY MAY POINT OUT THAT IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT FOR THE ABOVE REASONS, SUBSTITUTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE SIGNIFICANT DIVERSION FROM SCHEDULED SERVICES AND EXPRESS HOPE THE FRENCH WOULD RELAX THEIR POLICY IN THIS REGARD. AT ITS DISCRETION, EMBASSY MAY ALSO MENTION THAT SOME EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS, E.G., BRITISH, AFTER INITIALLY OPPOSING SUBSTITUTIONS, HAVE FINALLY ADOPTED THIS PRACTICE, BY ACCEPTING 10 PERCENT SUBSTITUTION FROM A STANDBY LIST AND 7 PERCENT FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC, UP TO SEVEN DAYS BEFORE FLIGHT DEPARTURE.

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